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1883
SCHOOLS
Township 8----Range 5
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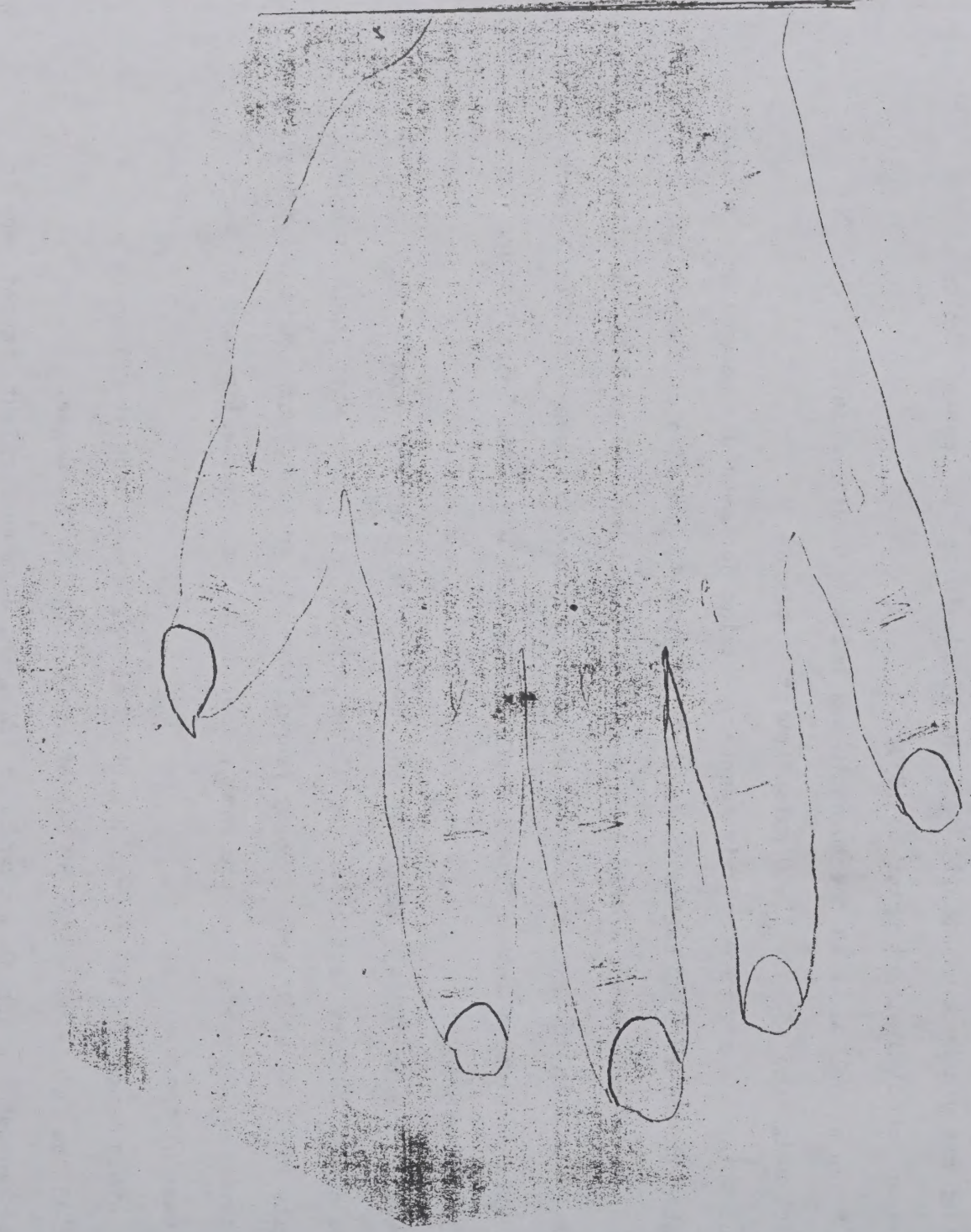

GRADUATION EXERCISES
EIGHTH GRADE CLASS, ROCKWOOD, ILLINOIS,
SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 15, 1932.

PROGRAM

March ..... Mary Keller

Invocation.....Rev. Barton

Duet..... Elnora Loudon, Mary Keller

Humorous Reading..... Roslyn Clyburn

Address..... W G Cisne

Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. Anderson

Accordion Solo.....Leon Karraker

Benediction.....Rev. Barton

NAMES OF GRADUATES

Dorothy Cashion	George Harris
Hazel Frazer	Glenn Reid
Myrtle Tudor	Muerl Tindall

Note: Ebenezer and Mt. Pleasant may join with us in graduation exercises.

CLIFTON SCHOOL
Dist. No. 56, Tp. 8
Randolph Co., Illinois
SEPT. 29, 1902--APRIL 5, 1903
SCHOOL OFFICERS.
S. S. Kirk Chas. Fricke
Murray Crittendon
Presented by
G. W. LIPSCOMB, Teacher

THE SCHOLARS.

Blanch Mansker Ora Steele
Fern Steele
Kenneth Kirk John Hindman
Wilmer Mansker
Ray Mansker Stella Moore
Irene Hindman
Ida Moore Harold Wood
John Wood
Liddie Moore Ethel Mansker
Ella Moore
Claudia Mansker Geneva Mansker
Grace Kirk
Bernard Mansker Fred Moore
Clyde Kirk
Lottie Mansker Wallace Moore
Will Kirk
Chas. Mansker Benj. Martin
Grace Martin
Murray Steele Harry Steele

The Wendell Printing Co., Leipsic, O.

Rockwood Class May 1, 1939

Motto: Sail On

Colors: Lavender & White

Flower: Violets

Graduates

Harry Frazer Hilma Frazer
Carter Schmidt Izora Tindall
Lloyd Mansker Esther Taylor
Chester Mansker Ella Anderson

Program

Music - Mary Cox
Invocation - Clarence Dick
Reading - Beverly Laymon
Solo - Margaret Evans
Reading - Vela Van Metti
Piano Solo - Mary Cox
Address - W. O. Brown
Presentation of Diplomas
Ella Anderson
Benediction - Mr Mans

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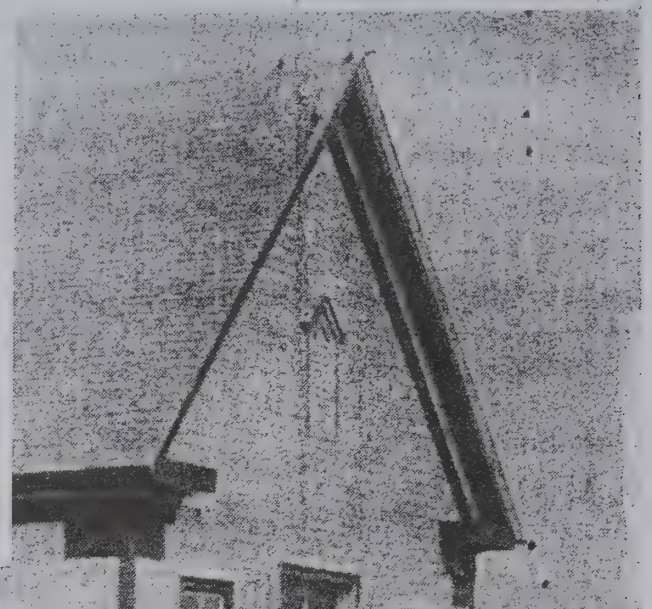
Memories Are All That's Left Of Old Mount Summit School



PICTURE AT LEFT

The old Mount Summit school house near Rockwood is no more, but many people have memories of it and of attending classes there.

The original building was built of logs and stood directly behind the site of the second frame building pictured. Two acres of land were donated by Israel Putnam Jones, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Mary Reisinger of Chester. The stipulation was that one acre be used for the site of a schoolhouse and the other acre, for a cemetery.

The log school was built in the mid-1800s. The frame building, unique in that it had a center chimney running up through the building, closed in the early 1950s.

A church building is still standing. David and Joseph Husband, who have many descendants in the area, were instrumental in founding the congregation.

TEACHER ANNA GIBSON with her class at the Mount Summit School in 1904, left to right, front row, Harry Emery, Irvin Wilson, Ida Baker, Manda Baker, Jessie Husband, Chester Emery, Harry Wheatoff, Dorsey Stafford, George Petrowske and Andrew Petrowske.

Second row, Rose Baker, Mabel Husband, Mary Emery, Pearl Johnson, Belle Stafford, Emma Andrews, Osa Stafford, Joe Emery, Hurd Johnson and Herbert Husband.

Back row, Winfred Wilson, Minnie Emery, Fred Emery, Maud Partridge, Effie Wilson, Daisy Andrews, Emma Partridge, Will Johnson, Wilford Husband, Mary Petrowske, Frank Petrowske, John Petrowske, Walter Stafford, Edward Andrews, Ada Cravens, Nancy Cravens and Myrtle Cravens.

Clifton School

Illinois

Sept. 21, 1914—Mar. 20, 1915

Irene E. Hindman,

Teacher

Directors

S. S. Kirk W. H. Steele

N. C. Mansker

Pupils

FIRST GRADE

Pearl Wood Joe Wood

Florence Yankey

Elmer Lipscomb Irene Crittenden

Lalome Cheslick

SECOND GRADE

Iva Yankey Minnie Fricke

Elmer Hindman Marshall Wood

THIRD GRADE

Addie Crittenden Harmon Fricke

FIFTH GRADE

Marie Steele Iva Lipscomb

Jessie Crittenden Mabel Johnson

SEVENTH GRADE

Anna Fricke James Lyon

Edith Johnson

Iva Vickers Clarence Vickers

ADVANCED GRADE

Lola Crittenden Jeses Mansker

MY AIM.

By Olga Anna Jones.

I aim to grow from hour to hour,
In spirit, soul, and mind;
I aim to climb from day to day,
That knowledge I may find.

I aim to know the most I can,
And do the best I know;
My thoughts I'll keep on higher ground,
And not upon the low.

I aim to be a child of God,
In every path I tread;
I'll live a busy, upright life,
And earn my honest bread.

So thus I'll strive from year to year,
To do the best I can;
And then my life will be some good;
I'll be a friend to man.

Clifton School

District No. 56

Township 8,

Randolph County, Illinois

1915-1916

CLAUDIA A. MANSKER, Teacher

PUPILS

BOYS

Joe Wood Marshall Wood

Harmon Fricke Elmer Hindman

James Lyons Jesse Mansker

John Steele

GIRLS

Pearl Wood Lalome Cheslick

Minnie Fricke Marie Steele

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SCHOOL OFFICERS

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The Ebenezer School - Class Of 1893

Left to right, first row, Harry Malone, Charley Clendenin, Logan Sympson, Walt Whitehouse, Bill Rader, (?) Wright, (name unknown), Jess Harry, Murray Malone; second row, O.K. Wright, Mary Frazer, Lafey Rader, Effie Johnson, Nettie Clendenin, Winnie Clendenin, Minnie Wright Nuly, Jennie Lawder; third row, The Teacher, Miss Lizzie Irose, Buck Frazer, Oney Armstrong, Anna Sympson, Nettie Lawder, Bertha Sympson, Viva Frazer, Sallie Keeton, Mel Crain, Roy Frazer, fourth row, Lou Harry, Ed Sympson, Jim Sympson, Hy Keeton, Jess Harry, Guy Tudor; Top row, (name unknown), Bob Harry.

A History Of The Ebenezer Schoolhouse

The author of this history of the Ebenezer schoolhouse is unknown. It concerns the original Ebenezer school which was built in 1886 and which burned down November 20, 1905.

It is interesting to note that this history (handwritten in pencil) was found in Friona, Texas among the effects of the late Mrs. Hart, formerly Grace Sympson of Ebenezer. It was sent to Mrs. Shelby Lawder of Chester who made it available to this newspaper.

"The ground on which the Ebenezer schoolhouse was built was purchased from J. H. Clendenin about 1850.

"In the month of August 1886 the foundation for the building was laid by Andrew Latshaw, the steps coming from Rocky Hollow. The house was built by William Henry of Steeleville, one of the best carpenters in the country. The dimensions were about 45 x 35 x 16 with an arched ceiling, eleven blackboards and ten windows and was finished in October. The charges against the District amounted to about $900. The belfry was built by Joe Clendenin.

"The Board of Directors at that time was B. H. Clendenin, W. T. Whitehouse and Henry Lawder. The teachers from 1886 were as follows: F. O. Rury, 1886-87; Thomas Blair, 1887-88; Mrs. Ida Blair, 1888-89; F. O. Rury, 1889-90; Albert Williams, 1890-91; W. W. Griffith, 1891-92; Miss Lizzie Irose, 1892-93; J. W. White, 1893-95; C. S. Tudor, 1895-96; Miss Rose S. Crisler, 1896-97; Miss Nellie McNabney, 1897-98; J. T. Keyton, 1898-99; J. W. White, 1899-1901; Miss Nellie I. Maxwell, 1902-04; E. J. McFadin, 1904-05; Miss Ellien Bollinger, September 25 to November 20, 1905.

"The schoolhouse burned about midnight Monday, November 20, 1905. The library case, which was made by Joe Clendenin, with it's contents, dictionary and encyclopaedia were valued at about $200.

"The Ebenezer school was one of the best equipped schools in the country, and the District felt very sad when they heard of it being in ashes. It was insured in the Randolph Mutual Insurance Company for $1,000; $900 on the house and $100 on the furniture."

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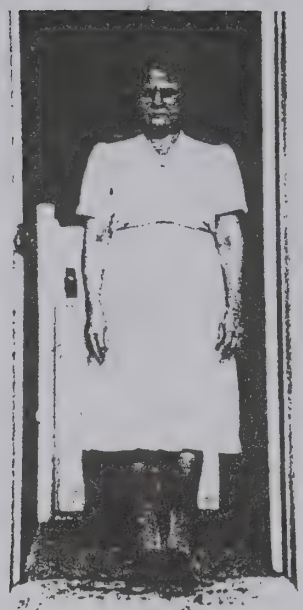
TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED THE RANDOLPH COUNTY INSTITUTE AT SPARTA 1874
(Sparta News Plaindealer--Oct. 13, 1932)(Looking Back)

From Rockwood: Perry C. Ball--David Curruthers--William H. Crittenden--W.D.Harry--J.W. Jeffrey--Mattie Jeffrey--Emily L. Mann--Charles Tuthill--Wilington Wilcox.

The log school at Rockwood burned in June 1913, as did Taylor Simmons store. They were located alongside each other.

The Rockwood brick Presbyterian Church burned March 27, 1940.



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Sizzie Smith Boat Kalmond

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ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1891—1901-2

Teachers	Year
Gertrude Smith	1891
Paul Irose Jr.	1895
J. T. Keyton	1896
J. T. Keyton	1897
Lulu Kelly	1898
Chloe Gilbreathe	1899
Eugene Crandle	1899-1900
J. T. Keyton	1900-1901
Lulu Kelly	1901-1902

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1916

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1921—1924

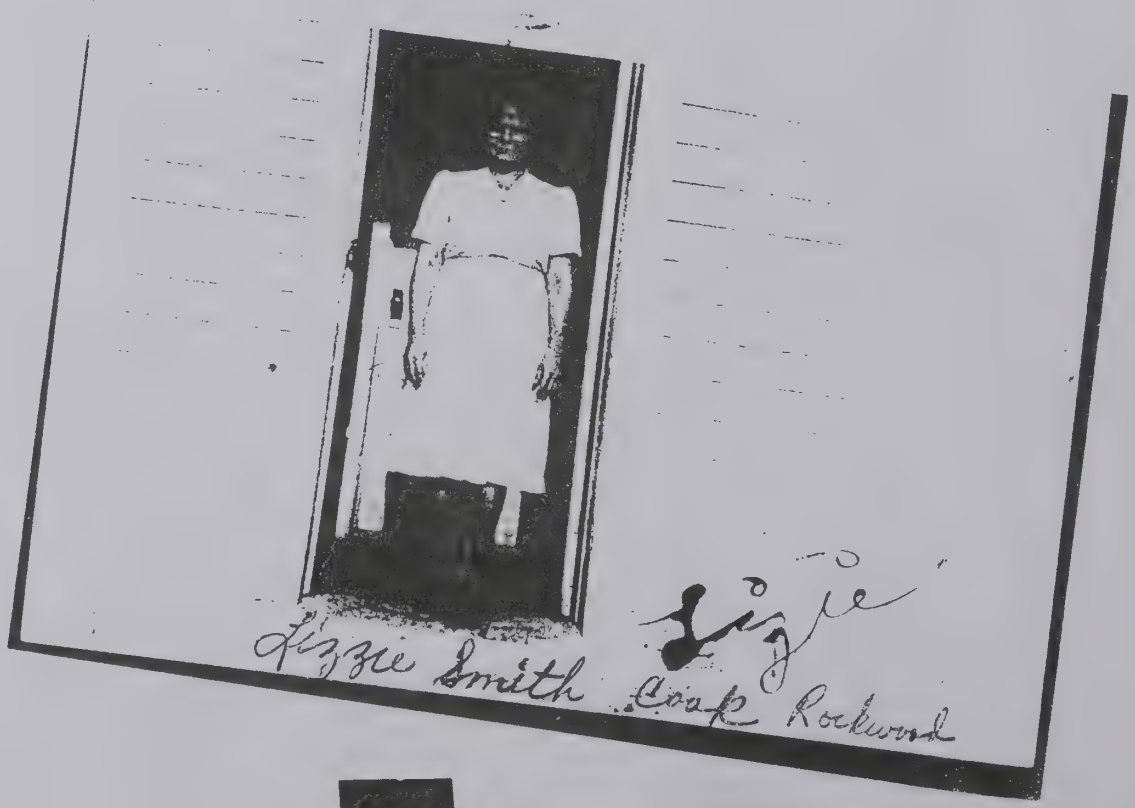
Teachers	Year
Lila G. Holmer	1921
	1922
	1923
Gracia Cochran	1924

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1925—1926

Teachers	Year
Edna Grah	1925
Edna Grah	1926

SCHOOLS
Township 8, Range 6, i

Township 8, range 6, is a fractional township on the Mississippi river between Chester and Rockwood. The first school in this township was taught by a Mr. Garrett, in a house in the southwest qr. of sec. 11, belonging to Samuel Mansker, in 1836. In 1842, William Clark kept a school in a house belonging to John Moore, in the southwest qr. of sec. 12, and, in 1843, a Mr. Thompaon taught in the same house. In 1844, Mr Truman Strate kept a school in a house of Samuel Mansker, in the southeast qr. of sec. 12, and on this sec. on the land of Robert Moore, the first house built for school and church purposes, was erected, and was named Pleasant Ridge school-house. The first free school was taught by Soherry Morgan, brother of William H. Morgan, of Shiloh Hill, in 1857, in the Clifton school house, in south east qr. of sec 2. The leading educational men in early times were Samuel Mansker, Alexander Hindman, Robert Grissom, Joab Parks and Robert Moore, who were elected school trustees in 1835. The school lands in this township were sold in 1836, for $1.25 per acre. The township now has two schools, 71, children of school age, and a school fund of $318.86.



ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1927--1930

Teacher	Year
Flora Carruthers	1927
Ellsworth and Marie Arney	1928
" " " "	1929
Ellsworth and Marie Arney	1930

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1930-1 to 1933

Teacher	Year
Ellouise and Frank Smith	1931
Mabel and Harry Anderson	1932
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" " "	1934
	1935
Mabel and Harry Anderson	1936

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1936-7-----1938-9

Teachers	Year
Lois Keller and Mabel Anderson	1937
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ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1939--1940

Teacher	Year
Lois Asbury	1940

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL RECORD 1940--1944

Teachers	Year
Frieda Duncan and Myrtle Tudor	1940
" " " "	1941
Tirzah Reid and Verdie Weiss	1942
" " " "	1943

Other teachers:

Francis (Whiteside) Schroeder

Betty (Asslemeier) Andrews 1957-58

Anna (Saul) Rodgers 1957-1958

WPA group 1936-37
Rochester

DONALD STUDIO
PHOTOGRAPHS
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Mrs. Charles
Virginia Marshall
Mollie
Mrs.
Pleasant Bible
School Teachers
1946-47?

Pleasant Ridge Sunday School
Non Denominational
Church

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Rochester
Late Part 1946
Taken - Virginia Took Picture
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me - taken while
Cecil & Sleep
Ethel Tom
were here late summer 1938

of Grace Mauske,
teacher

Back Row - Rev. Fred G. Attig - Mrs. Sparks - Mr + Mrs Duggin
Mary Moore Porter - Mollie Johnson - Bill Fricke - ? kind down
Marvin Vickers (uniform) - Carl Sparks
Loren Mc Kenzie background in hat.

3. Mary Helen Fricke - Doris Johnson Harris - Claudia Fricke Haemeyer

2 Row L to R. Fred Fricke Jr. - Reva + Neva Sparks - ~~Ed Fricke~~ Duggin G-Son
Ralph Enyart (behind Rev. Vickers)

Front Row L to R.
Georgia Enyart Hindman - Mary Lou Vickers Fricke - Denny Sparks
Junior Enyart - Rev. Wm C Vickers

1985

Ebenezer Church with Rockwood church as guests —

1st Row L to R.
Russell Reid – Hazel Stanley Smith – Mollie Johnson – Claude Jr. + Laura Hudson – Rev. Henry Moore + mother Addie – Violet Jones Shirley Yankey Dierks – Baby ~~Jacob~~ ~~Bobby~~ –.
L – R Rodney Dierks.

2nd Row L-to R.
Virginia Mansker – Tirzah – Alice – Jean Reid Leona Mizer – Freida Tudor Ingeborg Guthman Randy + Barbara Johnson – Anna Clendenin – Josephine Andrews –
3rd Row L-R
Judy Yankey – Mabel Clendenin – Dorothy Grah Wanda Tudor – Regina Grah – Janet Johnson Hauer, ___ Johnson – Pam Yankey – Mike Fanerty – Jessie + John Guthman.

Back Row L to R
ROXIE MOORE
Alpha ISENHOUR
MARY TWISS
LELA VANMETER

Front L to R.
1. ?
2. Gertrude Harris
3.
4 TOTTIE REID
5 LELA Harris

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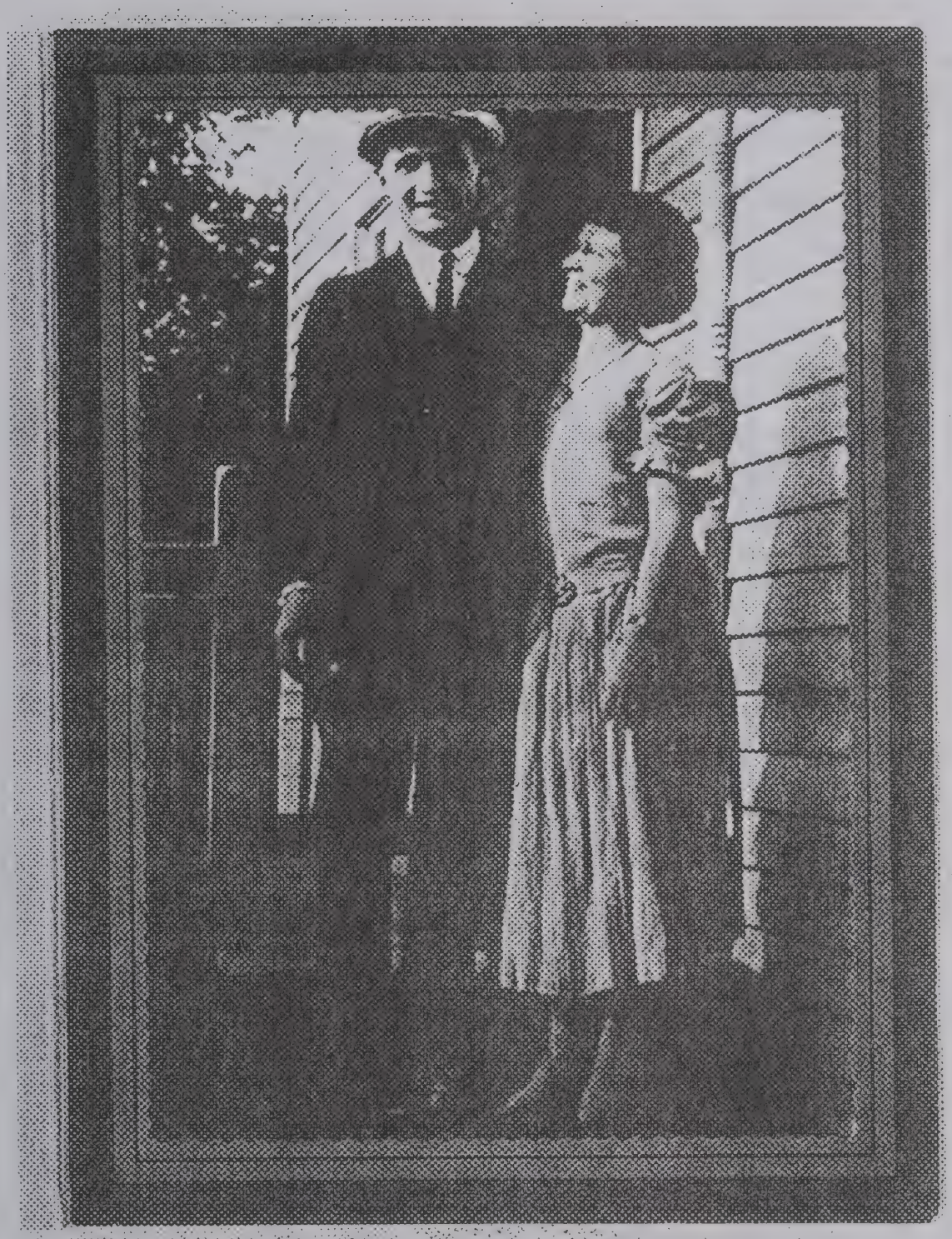

Gracia Cochran
was Jesse Mausker
taught Rockwood
Feb 1934 lyr.

old log Baptist Church by
Lyons Pond. — (Unity)
was dissolved and Pleasant
Ridge church was built.
Rhett Woods
Mrs. Crittenden b-1880 - m 1899 —
Ad Manskin Kirk
Mrs Henry Lawder
Barnfields
Olen Lipscomp son of Alex Crisler

possibly a mission church.

land
donated by Harve Hinkman for
cemetery 1919 — Old Hinkman house
built 1898.

Alex Hinkman d 1889 — Have to
R'wood between 1889-1898

BAPTISED IN ROCKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(PARTIAL LIST)

Feb. 11,1899	Hattie Barnes Kirk	age 29	
	Lottie Belle Barnes	age 12	
Feb. 14, 1899.	Nettie Mansker	age 14	
	Lena Mae Barnes	age 9	
	Richard M. Johnson	age 57	
Feb. 16, 1899	Charles VanMeter	age 37	(husband if Minnie Tindall)
	Lottie E. Vickers	age 19	
	Clarence N. Wood	age 18	
Feb. 17,1899	John Frazer	age 46	
	Mary Ellen Frazer	age 39	
	Geo. W. Frazer	age 10	
Feb. 19, 1899	Bertha Belle Brown	age 10	
	Nancy M. Mansker	age 9	
Feb. 20, 1899	Horace VanMeter	age 70	
	Clara Adel	age 37	
Feb. 21, 1899	James Ira Frazer	age 15	(son of Henry & Lucy Darwin)
	Alice B. Vickers	age 18	
	Clementa Moore Barber	age 17	
	Henry Leroy Frazer	age 18	
Feb. 23, 1899	Benjamin Crain	age 18	
Feb. 24, 1899	Jasper N. Kirk	age 38	
	Lou Frazer	age 38	

(Richard M. Johnson elected to 3 year term of Elder Feb. 24, 1899)

Feb. 26, 1899	Charles S. Frazer	age 36	
	John D. Lorentz	age 14	
Feb. 27, 1899	Tabitha Lorentz	age 41	
March 2, 1899	Hiram N. Moore	age 21	(son of Albert)
	Mary V. Lorentz	age 9	
	Wm ~~Tom~~ Gray	age 21	
	Harvey Moore	age 29	
Jan. 21, 1900	Myrtle Greenwalt	age	
	Minnie P. Greenwalt		
	May Moore		
	Tirzah E. Reid (mother of H.D)		
June 9, 1907	Cora Cashion		
Jan. 17, 1908	Ruth Henson	age 15	
	Dora Cashion		
April 13, 1909	Laura Belle Wright		
Aug. 18, 1910	Beaulah Lorentz(Infant)		
June , 1912	Amy Barnes	age 62	

(Bapt. con't.)

Jan. 24, 1913	Walter Crittenden
	Floyd Crittenden
	James Moore
	Susan Moore(Dowen)
	Lee Otis Cashion
	Cora Wilson
	Anabel Wilson
	Sylvia Belle Wilson
	Millie Moore(wife of Robert)
	Grant Barnes
	Rose Barnes
	Iva Vickers
	Clarence Vickers
	Ellen Cashion
	Jessie Cashion(E. & J. children of Cyrus)
	Bertha Cashion
	Oliver Kenneth Wright(hus, of Laura)
Feb. 27,1913	Robert Moore
	Nancy Cashion
	Cyrus Cashion
	Carl Yankey
	Mrs. Carl Yankey(Flo Holley)
Aug. 28, 1913	
	Seaman Cornelius Butler
	Mamie Francis Butler
	Eva Beatrice Crittenden
	Levi Ellis Barnes
	Harvey Wilson Moore
	Lydia Irene Tindall
	Lena Maria Yankey(wife of wm. nee Waltermate)
	George Cashion
March 2, 1916	Orrin Moore
	Lucy Frazer
	Allean Smith(wife of John Bulter)
	Leonard Crittenden
	Newton Holley
	Lucy Holley
	Julia Cashion (wife of Otis)
	Clyde Moore(son of Rob. & Josephine Henson Moore)
March 31, 1921	Mr.& Mrs. Ben Crain nee Lottie Vickers(letter of transfer to d. 1945 (Lincoln, Neb.)
Feb. 4, 1923	Evelyn Johnson
Jan. 11, 1924	Emma Mansker (transferred from Pleasant Ridge)
	Claudia Mansker(" " " ")
April 10, 1932	Violet Butler & baby Edna May
Sept. 10, 1932	Hattie Barnes Schmidt
Sept. 18, 1932	Gertrude Harris
April 11, 1934	Ben Henson & wife Savannah
Aug. 4, 1940	Noah E. Mansker(moved letter to Baptist church 11-8-1942) (joined Baptist church prior to 1940 and was baptised in (Mississippi River near Ford. Joined Bap. Church when a (tent meeting was held on the school ground.)

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Rockwood Church Burns

The old brick Presbyterian church in Rockwood burned early in the morning of Wednesday, March 27. Hubert, son of Harry and Susan (Cashion) Frazer was one of the first to give the alarm, as he hurried to rescue his car in a small garage with a tar-paper roof, right next to the church. A passing truck driver wakened Charlie Asbury who lives in the Mansker or Simmons house on the other side of the church.

There was a high wind, but fortunately it blew toward the bluff, just missing Asburys house. Mrs. Asbury is still in Murphysboro hospital but Charlie and their son "Sonnie" with Roy Logan Taylor were asleep and wakened to hurry out, expecting his house to burn.

The floor seemed about gone when the fire was first discovered, in the front window on the bluff side, so nothing was saved that was inside. Piano, organ, song-books, benches, lights, even the Boy Scout lamp from the school-house, all burned. Fortunately a few books were loaned out.

The Rockwood church was dedicated in the fall of 1864 while Brother Charles was minister. He was from down South. The bricks were brought down from Chester by flat-boat. While the foreman on the job was gone one morning, the workmen let the side toward the river buldge, and that buldge was in the old wall till its fall. Possibly the blasting for the hard road, or the settling of the hillside made the walls lean, the back wall toward the bluff seeming much out of plumb, so that some people were afraid to attend church because of it.

Present day Presbyterian Church--Rebuilt in 1912.

MRS. IVA TINDALL

Mrs. Iva Tindall of Rockwood as she appeared on Sunday, December 30, 1973, outside the Rockwood Presbyterian Church where she has an unbroken record of 20 years of attendance at Sunday School.

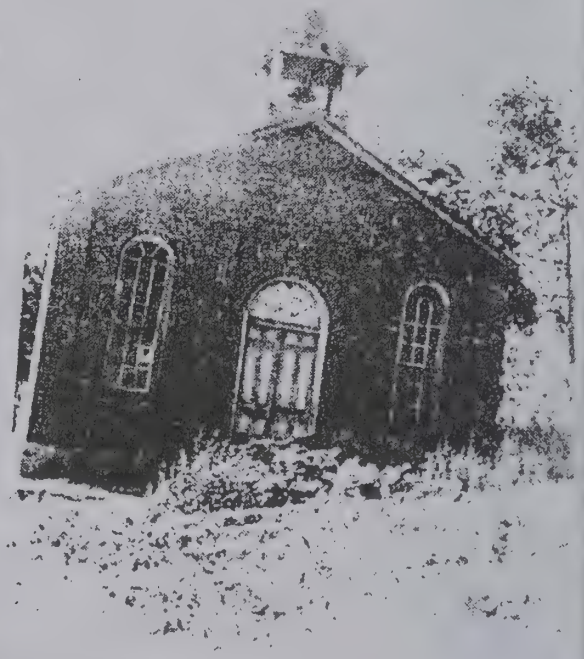
Sunday Schoc In Twenty Year

Mrs. Iva Tindall of Rockwoo attended Sunday School at th Rockwood Presbyterian Ch rch on Sunday, December 3 1973 to establish a record of 2 years of unbroken attendanc

Over the years she has som times been away from he home church but always ha attended Sunday School whe ever she might be. To keep he record intact she has attende Sunday School in severa states including Arizona, Ter nessee, Georgia, Missour Nevada and Florida.

When the floodwaters of 197 made it impossible for ser vices to be held in her ow church, Mrs. Tindall attende Sunday services at the Eben ezer Presbyterian Church a Rockwood. A friend of Mrs Tindall's said, "I don't know i anything could keep her awa from Sunday School. But, i anything could, it would hav to be something pretty se vere."

The Presbyterian Church, organized in 1843, was built in 1864.



A belfry was later added to the church. The church burned in 1940.

1. Emmer Moore Mansker
2 Sadie Pinkerton Lawder
3. Cora Cashion
4 Hannah Barnfield
5 Addaliza Mansker Kirk
6. Mary Lipscomb
7. Nancy Pinnin Hindman
8 Lucy Darwin Frazer

Adel,Clara 19
Anderson, Ulla 2
. Harry 12
. Mabel 12
. Mr 1
. Mrs 3
Andrews,Betty 12
. Daisy 4
Edward 4
. Emma 4
. Josephine 15
Apost Pente Ch, 11
Arizona, 21
Armstrong Onay 6
Arney,Ellsworth 12
Marie 12
Asbury House, 10 20
Asbury,Charlie 20
. Danny 5,10
Lois 12
Mrs 20
. Roy 5,10
. Russell 6
. Sonnie 20
Asselmeier,Betty 12
Atig,Fred Rev 13
Attig,Fred G Rev 14
B & K Furniture, 12
Baker,Ida 4
. Manda 4
. Rose 4
Ball,Perry C 9
Baptist Ch, 17,19
Baptist Church, 11
Barber,Alexander 2
. Clementa 18
. J C Dr 2
. Sarah 2
Barnes,Amy 18
. Grant 19
. Hattie 18-19
. Lena Mae 18
. Levi Ellis 19
Lottie Belle 18
. Rose 19
Barnfield,hannah 22
Barnfields, 17
Barton,Rev 2
Bergfeld,L 8
Leland 8
Biggs,C C Rev 3
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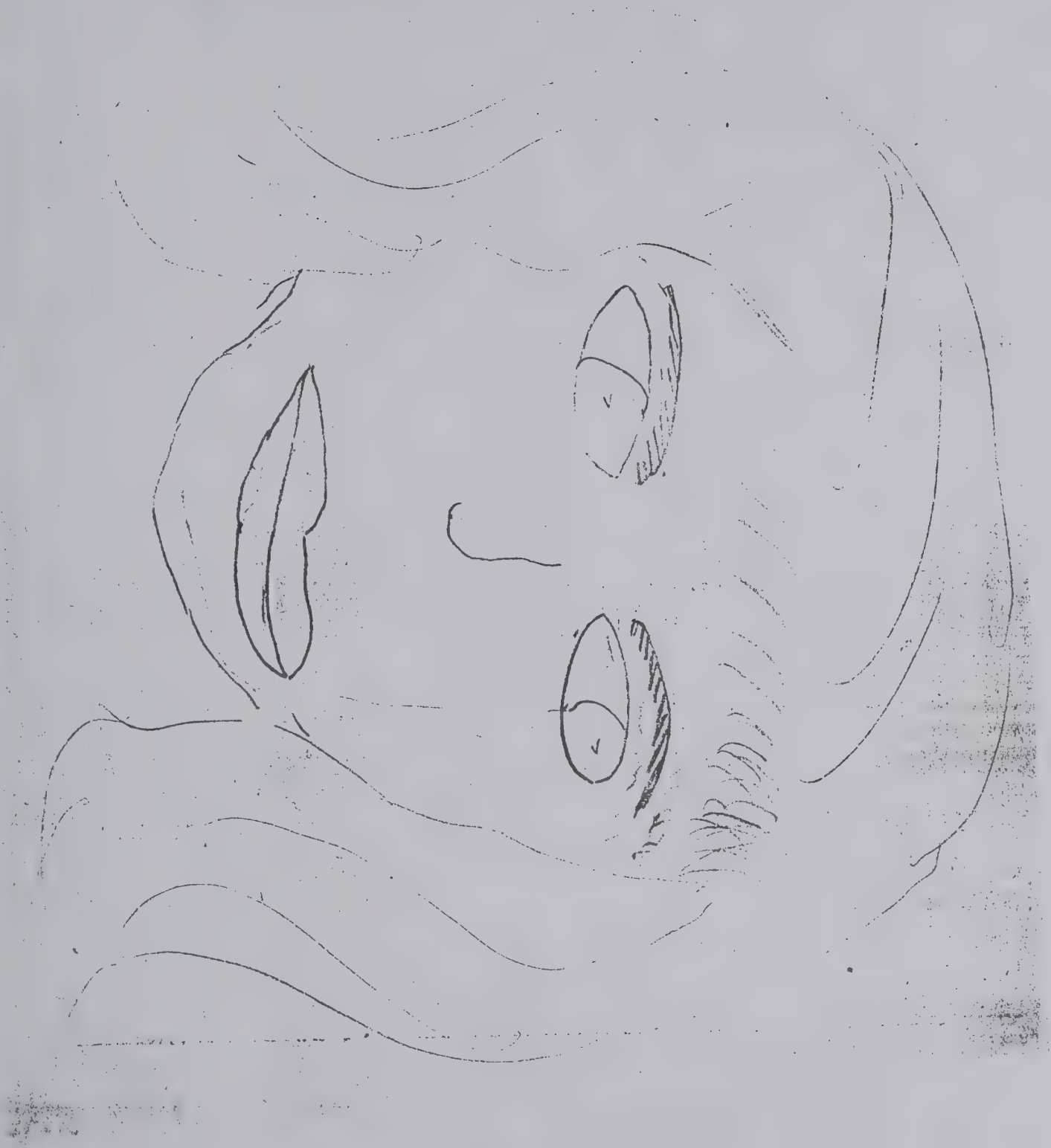

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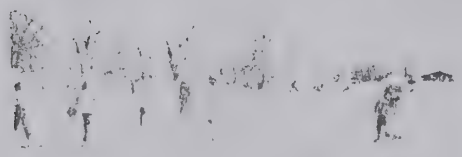

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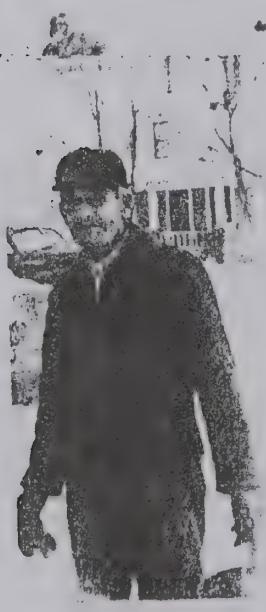

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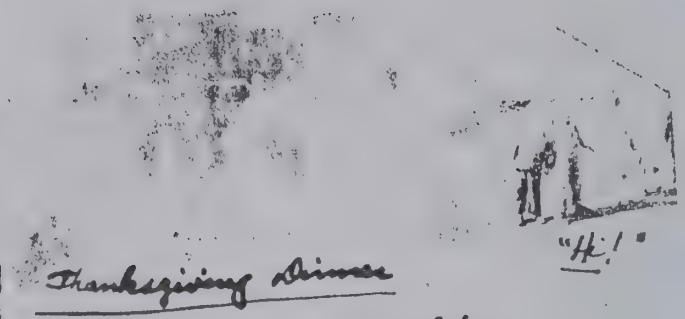

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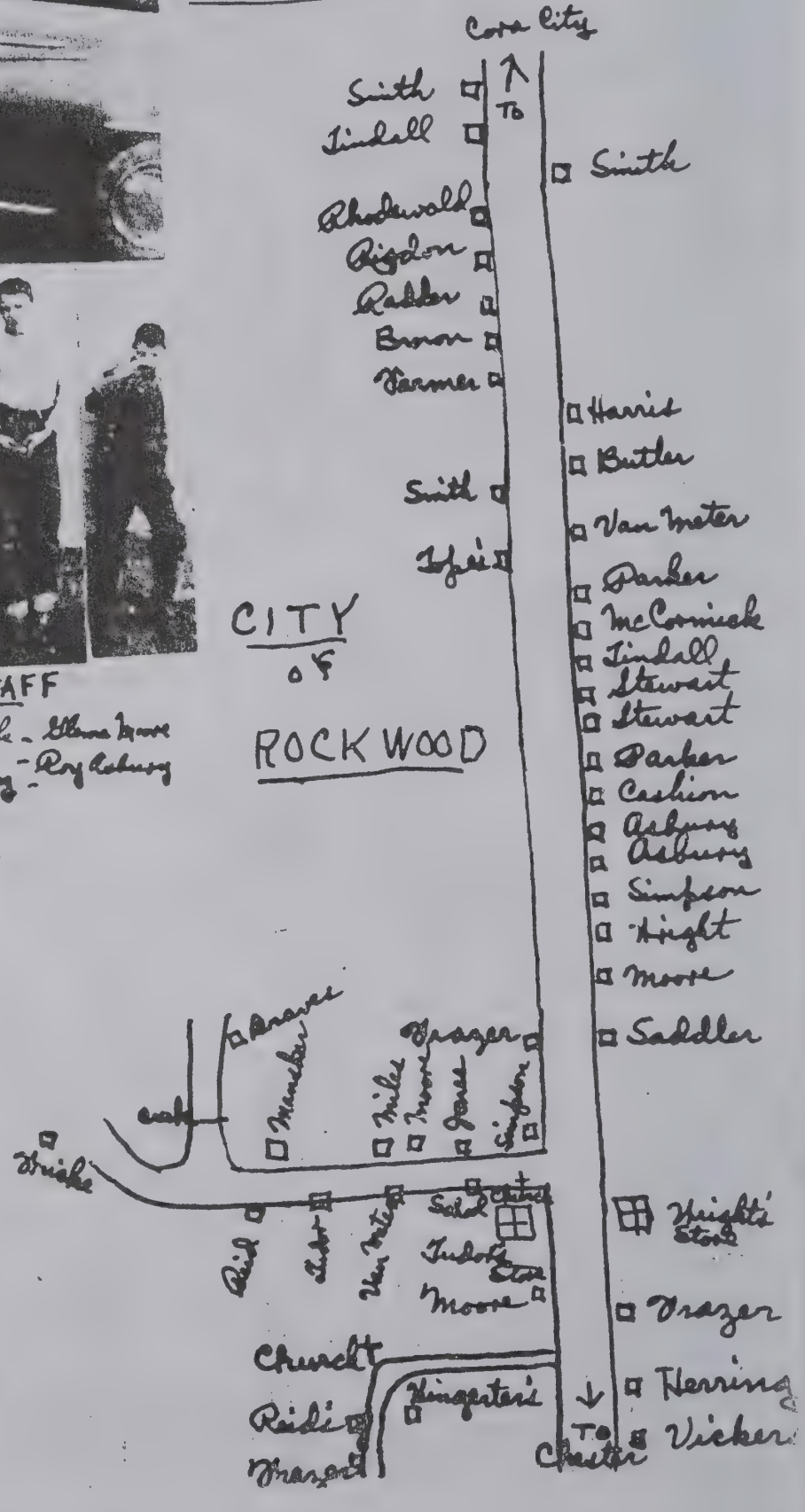

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SCHOOL EVENTS OF 1950-1951

SEPT. 15 -PLAYED SOFTBALL @ EBENEZER. -WE WON.
SEPT. 19 -MEETING OF MOTHERS, TO DECIDE ON SUPPER PLANS.
SEPT. 19 -OUR FIRST SHOW, 3 FILMS, BROUGHT BY L. BERGFELD.
SEPT. 22 -EBENEZER SCHOOL CAME TO ROCKWOOD TO PLAY BALL.
SEPT. 25 -A ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK OUR PICTURES.
SEPT. 29 -OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL SOCIAL.
OCT. 2 -HOT LUNCH STARTED. MRS. LIZZIE SMITH IS OUR COOK.
OCT. 4-5 -TEACHER'S MEETING @ CHESTER.
OCT. 13 -WE WENT TO EBENEZER TO PLAY SOFTBALL.
OCT. 12 -CO. SUPT. NED CARLTON VISITED OUR SCHOOL.
OCT. 17 -LELAND BERGFELD BROUGHT OUR SECOND FILMS.
OCT. 20 -EBENEZER CAME TO ROCKWOOD TO PLAY SOFTBALL.
OCT. 31 -OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY AT SCHOOL.
NOV. 3 -WE WENT TO EBENEZER TO PLAY. WAS IT COLD!
NOV. 7 -ELECTION DAY IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE.
NOV. 10 -EBENEZER CAME TO ROCKWOOD TO PLAY BALL. COLD!
NOV. 10 -LELAND BROUGHT OUR THIRD FILM OF THE YEAR.
NOV. 22 -SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR PARENTS, CHILDREN.
DEC. 4-8 -OUR ANNUAL INSTRUCTOR WITH US THIS WEEK.
DEC. 12 -LELAND BROUGHT OUR FOURTH FILM OF THE YEAR.
DEC. 13 -VISITING DAY @ THE KNITTING MILL.
DEC. 21 -OUR XMAS. SCHOOL PROGRAM.
RECITATIONS- BY THE LOWER GRADES.
DIALOGUE-A GOOD PLAN.-C. O. MOORE, J. SIMPSON.
OPERATTA-DON'T TELL ME IT'S XMAX.-GRADES 1-4.
SONG-RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER.-SCHOOL.
RECITATIONS- BY THE UPPER GRADES.
PLAYLET- THE FOUR BUCCANEERS.-BY 4 BOYS
PLAYS-UNEXPECTED COMPANY;
XMAS. WITH THE MULLIGANS-UPPER GRADES.
SONG-WHITE CHRISTMAS- BY UPPER GRADE GIRLS.
SONG-FROSTY THE SNOW-MAN.
JAN. 4 -7'TH, 8'TH GRADES TOOK I.Q., ACHIEVEMENT TESTS,
JAN. 11, 17, 22, 24-SODIUM CHLORIDE TREATMENTS @ CHESTER.
JAN. 16 -OUR 5'TH FILM SHOWED BY LELAND BERGFELD.
JAN. 23 -OUR CO. SUPT. MEASURED OUR HEARING, HEIGHT, WEIGHT.
JAN. -MARCH OF DIMES, SOLD SEEDS, CHOSE OUR ANNUAL QUEEN
FEB. -6'TH FILM, VALENTINE PARTY, NO SCHOOL FEB. 12.
MARCH -WATCHING FOR LAST OF SCHOOL ANNUAL PAGES TO COME.
TEACHER'S MEETING, 7'TH FILM, EASTER, SPRING FEVER.
APRIL -8'TH FILM, "WILL I PASS?", "LET'S PLAY BALL!"

- - - - - - - - - - - - GRADUATION! - - - - - - - - - - - -

FRIENDS, LIKE SHIPS AT SEA, MEET AND GREET, THEN PASS ON.
MEMORIES, OF DAYS WORKING, PLAYING TOGETHER, ARE ALWAYS.

FRESHMEN

James Herring

Marlene Vickers

Linda Tindall

David Tindall

Roy Welcher

Eddie Fricke

Patsy McCormick

Gail Rigdon

Millard Vickers

Carol Rader

Tommy Tindall

Kay Vickers

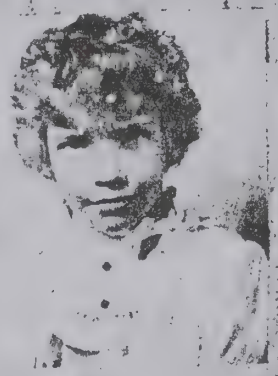
Sandra Moore

Rose Welcher

SOPHOMORES

Russell Asbury

Carolyn Tindall



Peggy McCormick

Lucy Rader

Clarence Moore

Jimmie Simpson

Robert Graves

Fred Fricke

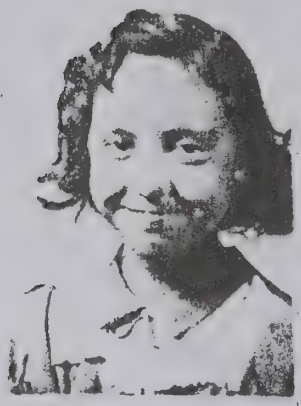
JUNIORS

Danny Asbury

Clara Mansker

Mary Mc. Bride

Mary Fricke



Joyce Wingerter

Charles Wile

Murel Vickers

Wanda Mc. Cormick

Doris Johnson

Roy Asbury
Ralph Smith

Ruth Rader

SENIORS

Fern Snell

Allen Wingerter

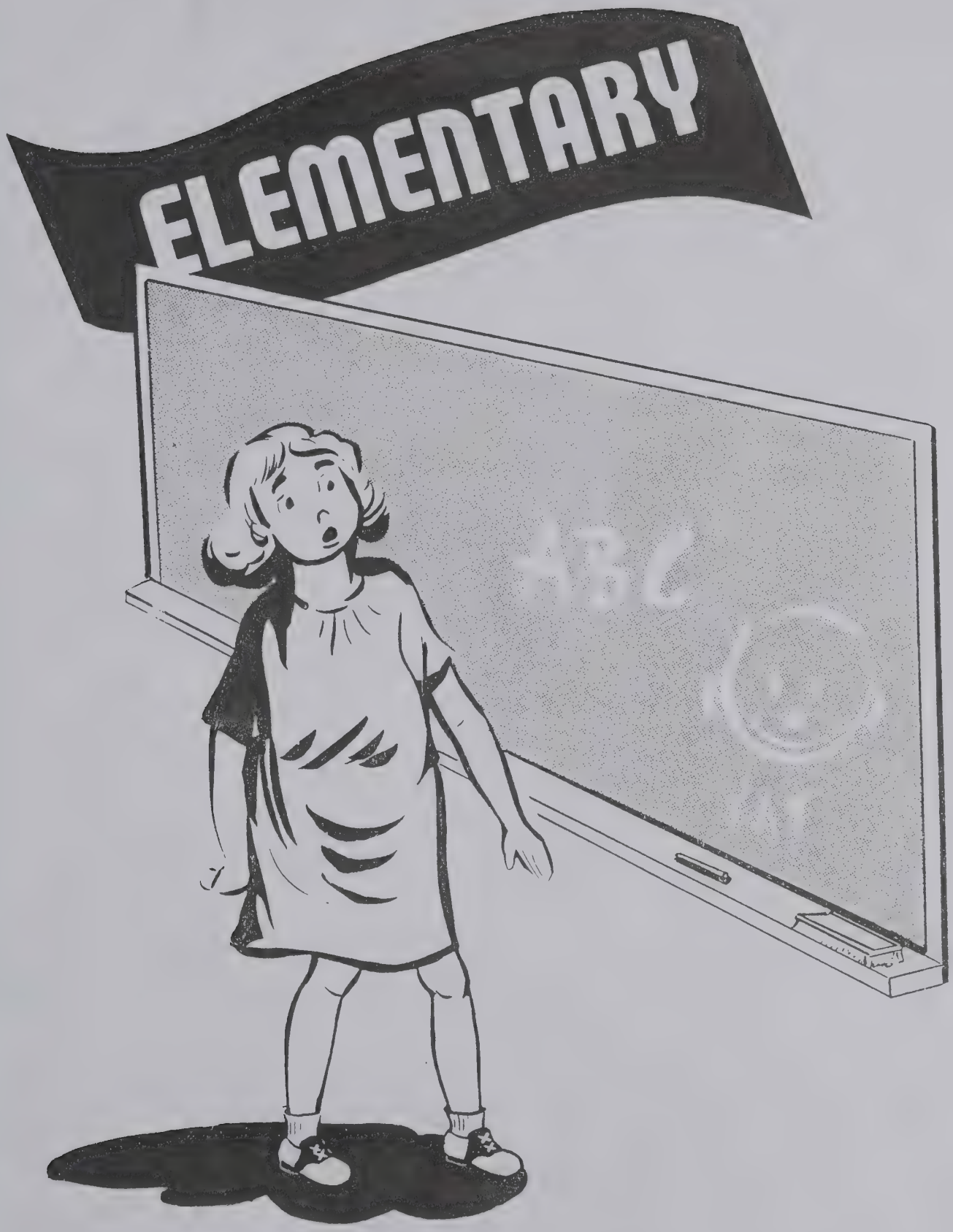
Opal Smith

Donald McCormick

Hope Brown

Glenn Moore

Alvin Smith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VILLAGE OF ROCKWOOD (CONT'D)

ABOUT THIS TIME THE CITIZENS BUILT A WHARF, WHICH WAS USED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IN 1835 THE FIRST SCHOOL-HOUSE, A HEWED LOG STRUCTURE, WAS BUILT. AT THIS SCHOOL-HOUSE WAS PREACHED THE FIRST SERMON DELIVERED IN THE VILLAGE AT A PUBLIC PLACE. THE FIRST RESIDENT PHYSICIAN WAS DR. HIGGINS. J. GRAY ESTABLISHED A BLACKSMITH SHOP AS EARLY AS 1837. THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1844 BY REV. C.C. BIGGS. ITS MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE SCHOOL-HOUSE. THE CHURCH BUILDING, A BRICK STRUCTURE, WAS BUILT IN 1860. THE SCHOOL-HOUSE WAS A FRAME BUILDING. ABOUT 1855 THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE WAS CHANGED FROM LIBERTY, AND THAT OF THE POST-OFFICE FROM JONES' CREEK TO ROCKWOOD, AN APPELLATION IN KEEPING WITH THE NATURAL SURROUNDINGS OF THE PLACE. IN THIS YEAR SOME OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMUNITY FORMED A JOINT STOCK COMPANY, BEGAN THE BUILDING OF A MILL, WHICH WAS COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING YEAR. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST OF MERCHANT MILLS. IT WAS BURNED IN 1863, REBUILT BY J.B. HOLMES OF CHESTER @COST OF $21,000. IT WAS LATER OWNED BY S. H. CANADY OF NEW ORLEANS, LEASED AND OPERATED BY H.B. BROWN AND SON. IT WAS A STONE, 3 STORY, 60-40, 140 BARREL CAPACITY. THERE WAS A COPPER SHOP WHICH EMPLOYED 10 HANDS. ABOUT 1840 ROCKWOOD WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST WOOD MARKETS ON THE MISS. PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILROADS THAT EXTEND THROUGH THE COUNTRY THE COUNTRY, IT WAS A CENTER OF SHIPMENT FOR MUCH OF THE INTERIOR, AND WAS AT SUCH A PERIOD OF ITS HISTORY, SUPERIOR TO CHESTER. SHIPMENTS OF GOODS WERE RECEIVED HERE FOR THE MERCHANTS OF RED BUD. THE TRADE SUSTAINED A TERRIBLE BLOW BY THE CHANGE IN THE COURSE OF THE RIVER, WHICH PLACED THE VILLAGE COMMERCIALLY NEARLY A MILE INLAND. IN 1860 IT CONTAINED 5 DRY GOODS STORES, ONE WAGON SHOP, 2 BLACKSMITH SHOPS, 1 CHAIR FACTORY, 1 BOOT AND SHOE SHOP, 1 COOPER SHOP, 1 HOTEL AND 3 PHYSICIANS. POPULATION IN 1880 NUMBERED 231. ROCKWOOD, LIBERTY, OR JONES CREEK DEPENDS UPON THE PERIOD OF TIME ONE HAS IN MIND, FOR IT HAS HAD ALL THESE NAMES. AT ONE TIME WHEN THE MISS. FLOWED NEAR THE FOOT OF THE BLUFFS, IT WAS A NOTED MARKET FOR THE SALE OF WOOD TO THE STEAMBOATS AND ALTOGETHER A BUSY RIVER PORT. THE FLOUR PRODUCED HERE WAS LOADED ON BOATS THAT CAME ALMOST TO THE VERY DOORS OF THE MILL. ROCKWOOD REMAINED PROSPEROUS UNTIL A FICKLE RIVER CHANGED ITS COURSE AND LEFT THE VILLAGE. THE FLOUR MILL BURNED AROUND 1917-1918. THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BURNED IN 1940. IN 1898 ALICE (VICKERS) FRAZER HOME WAS BACK OF ED WRIGHT'S STORE. TAYLOR SIMMONS HAD A STORE AND POST OFFICE BACK OF OLD BRICK CHURCH. SIMMON'S HOUSE WAS A HIDE OUT FOR NEGROES, THEN TAKEN TO SPARTA BY A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

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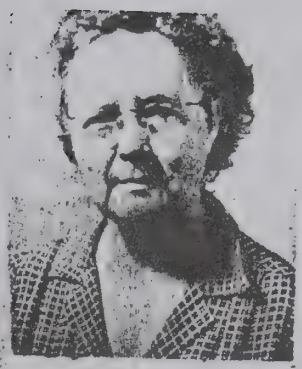
Anna Rittenhouse



Clara McNabney

Our School

We, Rockwood School, dedicate this, our first school annual to a former pupil, Allen McCormick, who left us Nov. 14, 1950.

Beyond Life's Gateway

There's an open gate,
At the end of the road,
Thru which each must go alone.
And there is a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims His own.
Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest.
And there is comfort
In the thought,
That a loving God knows best.

EARLY NAMES (BEFORE 1883)

1802-BENJAMIN CRANE SETTLED NEAR MOUTH OF MARY'S RIVER.
1804-ELMSLEY JONES CAME TO LIVE IN ROCKWOOD VILLAGE.
1805-JOHN HICKMAN BUILT A CABIN HERE, LATER ERASED BY RIVER.
1806-JOHN HINDMAN, IRISH, CAME FROM KY., MARRIED ANN GASTON.
1804-ALEXANDER BARBER, NATIVE OF CONN., CAME FROM OHIO.
FIRST JUSTICE OF PEACE-HELD OFFICE FOR 40 YEARS.
1816-SAMUEL MANSKER MARRIED NANCY CRAWFORD, LIVED ON A FARM.
1818-WILLIAM AND CHARLES BILDERBACK CAME FROM KASKASKIA.
1818-HENRY CLENDINEN, SCOTTISH, CAME FROM KY., FARMED.
DR. CLENDINEN WAS ONE OF HIS DESCENDANTS.
1826-ALEXANDER HINDMAN MARRIED SARAH BARBER.
1830-GEORGE SEBASTIAN CAME FROM KY., FARMED FOR AWHILE.
B.F.SEBASTIAN WAS BORN IN THE COUNTY. LATER THEY LEFT.
1837-THE FIRST SETTLER ON SHEEP ISLAND WAS GEORGE STEELE.
HIS HOME WAS LATER OCCUPIED BY WILLIAM BURNS.

EARLY OFFICES-OFFICE HOLDERS

PHYSICIANS-W.VANCE, J.C.BARBER, W.M.CLENDINEN, J.N.TAYLOR.
GENERAL MERCHANDISE-G. W. WALTERS.
GEN.MERCHANDISE AND DRUGS-B.RICHARDS, P.J.WAGNER, W.G.HARRY.
POSTMASTER-W. G. HARRY. WAGON MAKER-JOHN REID.
LAWYER-JOHN P. MANN CARPENTER-G. W. HOOKER.
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE-W. G. HARRY TAILOR-ZIVNY.
BLACKSMITHS-ROBERT EMERY AND SON. RESTAURANT-J. FRAZIER.
MACHINERY AGENT-B. RICHARDS. DRESSMAKERS-MRS. J. A. RIED.
(MISS F. JEFFREY.)

NEAR S.W. CORNER OF SECTION 16, WAS THE GRAVE OF DEGONIA, AN OLD INDIAN, OR FRENCHMAN, ON THE BANK OF DEGONIA CREEK. NEAR CENTER OF SECTION 17, ON SLIGHT ELEVATION, WHEN DIGGING, FOUNDATION OF GEORGE COOPER RESIDENCE, WAS FOUND INDIAN GRAVES. THE OLDEST BURIAL PLACE IS JUST NORTH OF EBENEZER SCHOOL. AN EARLY INTERMENT WAS THAT OF HARRY CLENDINEN.

VILLAGE OF ROCKWOOD

ELMSLEY JONES AND SAMUEL JONES BUILT THE FIRST HOUSES IN THE VILLAGE FORMERLY CALLED LIBERTY. THE FIRST STORE WAS ESTABLISHED BY JAMES MCCORMICK. IN 1832 JOHN STEARNS FROM KY., LAID OFF THE TOWN INTO LOTS, RECORDED IN 1836. CAPT.W. B. CHARLES SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS HERE. ABOUT THIS TIME J.DEAN, H.CLENDINEN, S.BARBER, DR.MANNING, T.FRAZIER, E.G. HALL, AND MANY OTHERS CAME TO THE PLACE AND GAVE IT QUITE AN IMPETUS. MANSKER, CLENDINEN, AND BARKER ESTABLISHED A STORE, AND DID AN EXTENSIVE BUSINESS IN THE PURCHASE AND SHIPMENT OF GRAIN. THE TOWN WAS INCORPORATED IN 1837, WITH W.B.CHARLES, N.MANNING, J.PARKS, JOHN STEARNS, AND JOHN D. STEARNS AS TRUSTEES. JOHN STEARNS WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

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